

A NEW ELEPHANT SHREW FROM JOHANNESBURG.

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ELEPHANTULUS RUPESTRIS JAMESONI, subsp. nov.

A dark coloured form with untufted tail, differing from *E.r. myurus* in not having white feet.

General colour of upper surface dark reddish-brown, greyish-brown on the sides, and dirty white below; bases of hairs in each case blackish slate. No white ring encircling the eye, or if present only very faintly marked. Ears rufous brown externally covered with white hairs on the inside. Nuchal region scarcely differing in colour from that of the back, slightly more rufous. Upper surface of hands and feet pale brown. Tail about the same length as in *E.r. myurus*, but lighter brown in colour, no brush of long hairs at end.

(I have used for comparison examples of *E.r. myurus* from the Matopos, near Bulawayo, which have been identified by Mr. R. C. Wroughton, and compared with the type in the British Museum.)

Skull similar in every respect to *E.r. myurus*.

Dimensions of the co-types (measured in the flesh): Head and body, 125, 125; tail, 135, 145; hindfoot, 34, 35; ear, 23, 26. Skull: basal length, 34, 34.5; greatest length, 38.8, 39.2; greatest breadth, approximately, 21.5, 22.5; interorbital breadth, 7.8, 7.5; breadth of brain case, 16.5, 16.3; front of i^1 to back of last molar (m^2), 20.5, 20.8.

Co-types: 2♀ Collected 21st and 29th July, 1906, by Dr. H.

Lyster Jameson, and purchased by the Transvaal Museum.

This sub-species can at once be distinguished from the typical form by its untufted tail and absence of white ring round the eye; while its dull coloured hands and feet prevent its confusion with *E.r. myurus*.

A co-type in the Transvaal Museum.

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